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International application No.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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Description, Pages

1-29 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

2-20 as originally filed
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Drawings, Sheets

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

Drawings, Figures

1-9 as originally filed

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 - the description, pages
 - the claims, Nos.
 - the drawings, sheets/figs
 - the sequence listing (*specify*):
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-20
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-20
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-20
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

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(SEPARATE SHEET)**

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/009114

The application relates to a quality of service (Qos) reservation method for managing network resources and/or service parameters needed for symmetric real-time multimedia applications and/or data services running on a mobile node and a correspondent node by signalling resource control information along specific routing paths between these nodes.

Document D1: US 2003/161322 A1 (SHAHRIER SHARIF M ET AL) 28 August 2003 (2003-08-28), which is considered the closest prior-art, relates to a quality of service (Qos) reservation mechanism which allows the reservation of communications resources in downstream, upstream or even in both directions.

The method of document D1 differs from the method defined in the amended independent claim 1 of the present application in that the prior-art method is based on RSVP out-of band signalled extensions while the present application method relies on a reservation mechanism based on an "in-band signalling".

This technical feature provides a solution wherein no explicit reservation messages are necessary but any other packets can be used in order to carry the reservation information on the fly.

None of the available prior-art documents disclose or suggest such a solution as the application in order to solve the above mentioned problem.

Therefore, independent claim 1 satisfies the conditions of novelty (Article 33(2) PCT) inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT)

Dependent claims 2-20 are dependent on independent claim 1 and as such are, also novel and inventive.